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DECISION ON PETITION

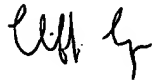
This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 26, 2010.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued December 21, 2004. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from December 21, 2007 through June 21, 2008 without surcharge, or with a late payment surcharge during the period from June 22, 2008 through December 21, 2008. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on December 22, 2008.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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